

SPECIAL December and January Bumper Issue

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Puzzles, Crosswords,
Seasonal Recipes,
Holiday Pub Opening,
and our usual features.



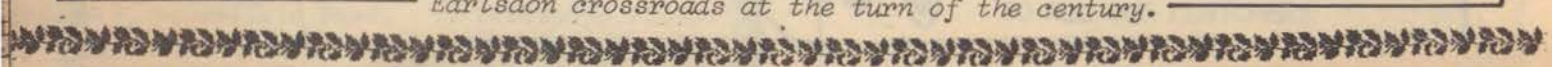
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& HEARSALL
OPINION.

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Earlsdon crossroads at the turn of the century.



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Seasonal Recipe



COVENTRY GODCAKES



In the sixteenth century on New Years Day, Godparents in Coventry gave their godchild triangular cakes full of mincemeat. The three points of the triangle were said to represent the Church Spires in the City.

1 pkt (13 oz) puff pastry
8 oz mincemeat
granulated sugar to dust

Roll out pastry thinly to an oblong. Cut into 12, 4" squared portions. Cut each square across to form 24 triangles. Place one teaspoon of mincemeat in centre of 12 triangles. Dampen edges and place remaining triangles over mincemeat. Seal well. Brush with water and sprinkle thickly with sugar. Bake on greased sheet at Gas Mark 7, 425F for 20 minutes until well risen and golden brown.

Cherry

CHAPELFIELDS CHERRY:

SANTA'S SURPRISE

STORY: GLIB

ART: LEE





SPOTLIGHT

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Wistaria Lodge Children's Home

The Year of the child is drawing to a close but at Christmas we all especially think of children. Many of the children living at Wistaria Lodge Children's Home will not be staying with their families this Christmas but they will have a very happy time at the Lodge. It used to be a Nursery but younger children in care now usually live in foster homes, so these children are aged between five and eleven. The twenty-four children live in groups no larger than seven and the few who are handicapped live in a smaller group.

There is also an Observation and Assessment Unit here. Most primary school children who come into care come to the Lodge first for a few weeks and the specially trained staff recommend the best place for the child to live in future.

In addition the Lodge offers a Day Care Unit for twelve younger children and an Adolescent Unit for four older teenagers. The young children, from six months, mostly live locally and come to have fun for a few hours each day. This can prevent a complete breakdown in a family which is under strain. The teenagers have been living in care and they are learning to become independent and prepare for leaving at eighteen. They live in a separate part of the building and have their own kitchen. They rely on the senior staff for special help and support.

Most children who come into care are from broken homes; many are from single parent families. Some are here because a foster home has broken down. Some return home after a few months, others move on to smaller children's homes, foster families or adoptive families. While they live here the children are well looked after. Most children have their own bedroom and are encouraged to have their own belongings about them. Some staff are always on hand and there is plenty of opportunity for a child to spend time with his special adult.

The League of Friends provides a link between the Lodge and the local community and the

local people also help to give the youngsters a good time. Sid Pinker at the Royal Oak is always collecting for the Lodge so that the children can go on outings. At Christmas he always collects over £100 so he likes to arrange to give the children something special. Last year polaroid cameras were bought for each group. This year they would like a projector and screen, a tape recorder or a selection of T.V. games.

There is no doubt that there is a warm and easy atmosphere at the Lodge and the children must benefit. A great deal of care is taken to provide the best for the children - volunteers are vetted and the staff are trained. But Liz Taylor, the head of the home, sums it up: "However fantastic the staff are and however hard we try we can't provide a family life".



Photo by Les Hill

The Rocking Horse was another Christmas gift.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

INTO 1980.....

In this turn-of-the-year edition of ECHO we look back at some of the news and opinions we have printed in 1979 and look forward to 1980.

YOUR CARING SHARING CO-OP

1979 Our first issue in April featured the closure of the Co-op. Remember this was shut without warning or notice of what was to happen? We pressed the Co-op's Chief Executive to say what Earlsdon people could expect. He promised that a new Co-op supermarket would be open by Christmas and undertook to show an artist's impression of the new store in the windows in the period prior to demolition. This was displayed but not another word has been heard despite regular attempts to contact the Co-op. Meanwhile there has been no sign of any move to start work.

1980 At this rate one prediction that the Co-op would be closed for two years looks like coming true. But if nothing has happened by the New Year the people of Earlsdon should voice their opinions to the Co-op. We think the new store is wanted and that we are all entitled to know what is going on.

FALLING WALLS

1979 No one will forget the traumas of the walls throughout Earlsdon, Chapelfields and Hearsall. Our publicity made everyone aware of the dangers and brought help from a number of quarters. The help was almost totally from local people who tackled the task of advice, demolition and rebuilding with gusto. It showed the tremendous resource we have in our neighbourhood. Help from the City Council was less noticeable; in fact their methods of informing people to repair their walls caused some of the elderly much distress.

1980 Maybe there are still some dangerous walls about. Please check yours and if you are in doubt or need help after contacting the Council, get in touch with ECHO. We shall try to bring local people together, since that seems to be the best way to put things right.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

1979 We ran several articles looking at the state of our neighbourhood; its shops, toilet facilities, buildings, traffic and the possible declaration of part of the area as a General Improvement Area.

1980 With the financial position getting worse the chances of our getting local or central government help to improve the area are unlikely during the coming year. But if we don't want the place to fall into decline we must ensure that we keep our position in the "queue". It is up to everyone of us to help by keeping a vigilant eye on sites or activities that may threaten our environment. People and groups like the Ratepayers' and Community Associations should work together on matters of common interest. No one will help if we do not help ourselves.

BROADWAY SCHOOL

1979 We applauded the use of Broadway as a youth club. But we also warned that the Education Department took a narrow view in respect of the use of its buildings. We called on Broadway to be used in the long term as a much wider community based centre including health facilities and clubs for all age groups.

1980 Broadway Youth Club can no longer use Broadway school and plans are no clearer for the future of the building. We do know, however that the Council are considering leasing it to an outside organisation. One encouraging sign is that the Area Health Authority may be interested in the site as a health centre. This must be the year in which a decision is taken, and again, we must all work together to present our strongest possible case for a building that will serve our best interests.


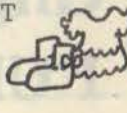
ALLEYWAYS

1979 As for the walls, an action group has worked together to show how our jetties can be cleared and made safer for our children and elderly. We have brought regular news of their work. Having completed their first jetty they are still raising money to complete the last £50 owing before starting work on their next project. On 18th November their second sponsored walk raised nearly £100 with over 30 walkers taking part.

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1980 It would be good to see other street groups getting together to clean up their alleyways. The first action group is more than willing to offer anyone advice on how to get started (and keep going); but the first move is up to you. If you want to do something, write to ECHO. Better still, speak to your neighbours about it!

HEARSALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1979 We welcomed the re-opening of Hearsall as a Junior Community School and the appointment of a community tutor. However, we were never clear what "community school" meant or what the "community tutor" would do. Now the community tutor Jeff Warren has left after only two months in post following disagreement about what his job actually was, showing that the authorities are not clear either.

1980 This year we must work towards a much closer understanding between school and community groups. It may be alright if you are a parent or a school kid; but if you are over sixty or not directly concerned with the school, you are likely to have to put up with inadequate facilities at inflated costs. The school authorities and community groups must work something out together to ensure that the community school is truly available to all sections of the community.

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1979 We have brought you regular news of the work of the Community Association. So far it has been a small steering committee setting up individual projects like the Neighbourhood Scheme and E.C.H.O. itself and making plans for the official setting up of the Association.

1980 This is the year when you have the chance of making an Association work for us all. Your first action is to become a member and to persuade others to do the same. The more groups and individuals that belong, the greater will be our ability to work on behalf of all who live here. The first Annual General Meeting will be in May, when elections will be held and a future programme agreed. So 1980 could be an important year for Earlsdon, Chapelfields and Hearsall. If you join your opinion will be heard.

Clearly a lot still needs to be done. Keep alert to what's happening in your area and let us know what needs improving. If E.C.H.O. keeps telling the relevant people what needs doing, we will get something done in 1980.

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H-B REMOVALS

Karate

The Earlsdon Shoto-Kan School of Karate has been running for six months and is now based at Hearsall School, attracting mainly local people. There are now about 35 men and women and 20 junior members. The Chief Instructors are black belt holders - Geoff Stansfield (second Dan) and John Johnstone (first Dan) - and there are brown belt instructors as well. Geoff says that the most important purpose of karate training is to make you a better person as well as to learn self-defence and keep fit. A very strict discipline is maintained in the "Dojo" (training area) with no bullying or talking allowed and stress is laid upon the importance of the mind as well as the body. Shoto-Kan is a more traditional, Japanese style of Karate.

The class is well organised and even has its own badges, car stickers and key-rings. Members all wear special white clothing known as a "gi" and a child's suit costs from £10. There is a small fee for each lesson, much less for children and all money goes into a general fund - the instructors charge no fees. Much of the money is spent on trips to the National Karate Championships at Crystal Palace, in which some members take an active part. New members are always wanted and people interested are welcome to try a few free lessons first. Contact Geoff Stansfield (76862) or Phil Oldacre (411200) or call at the class:-

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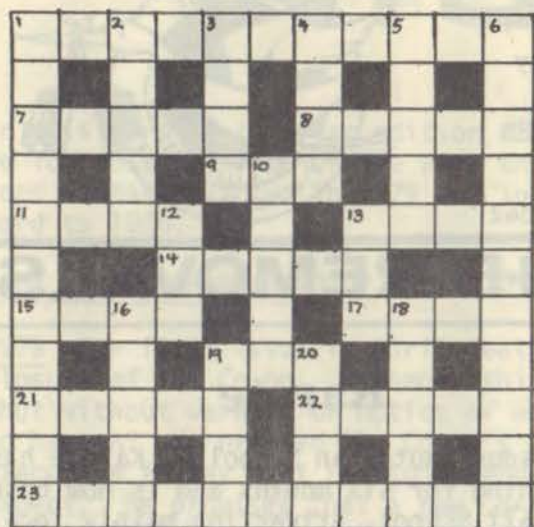
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Cryptic Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Where a white bear may meet a pole? (3,3,5)
7. A type of poetry found in early, rich, writings. (5)
8. Rare gasses sound as though they have departed (5)
9. It sounds like the German man belongs to his woman (3)
11. These confections may cause one to shiver. (4)
13. A hundred and fifty awful beginners may come up to scratch (4)
14. Little Patrick takes some iodine on to the paved area: (5)
15. His clergy is found in black and white. (4)
17. Part of a pithy protection from the sun. (4)
19. I spy the Holyland? (3)
21. Alan may be obese but he's a killer (5)
22. The follower of Mohammed precedes a latin twosome and procures an excuse. (5)
23. This concerto makes a mark, in french, on a South African mountain. (11)

CLUES DOWN

1. Narration of the upset F.B.I. is a lie. (7,1,3)
2. Strange sounding place for an eagle to live. (5)
3. The strange char raises the roof. (4)
4. A direction to part of Aragon is, not far. (4)
5. The queen can be found in the centre gallery. (5)
6. This inward thing when upset produces a personal script. (11)
10. How Carroll's cake was labelled. (3,2)
12. This observant person may make out secret codes of practice. (3)
13. This resting place may be found within a stucco tower. (3)
16. The confused taxi may make me pay more (5)
18. Where one may slide into a state of suspended animation. (2,3)
19. A vehicle for traversing 18 down. (4)
20. Sounds like Eric's pal could make some money. (4)

(Answers on page 11)

There was a strange person from Hearsall,
Who would stand in the town and curse all
In language so rude,
That everyone booed
And told him to get back to Hearsall.



Ma Cooper was a well-known old Earlsdon character who used to keep the City Arms pub, many years ago. Here is a picture of her for you to colour in.

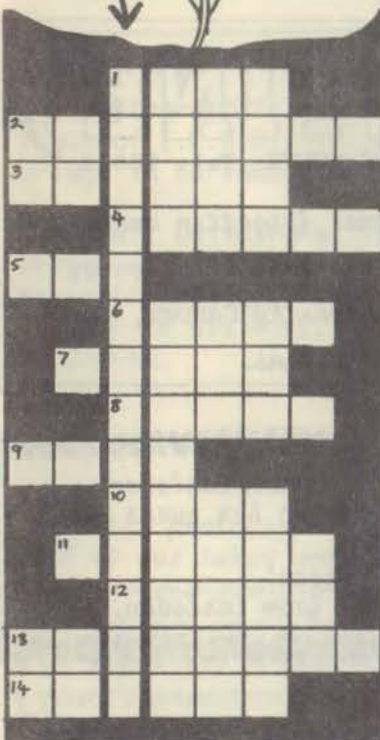


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Find The Hidden Message



CLUES (Across)

- 1) The 3 wise men (4)
- 2) Things we receive at Christmas time (8)
- 3) Jesus (6)
- 4) The red nosed reindeer (6)
- 5) Christmas plant (3)
- 6) Santa ----- (5)
- 7) The shepherds kept watch over them (5)
- 8) ----- Redbreast (5)
- 9) Away in a manger no ---- for a bed (4)
- 10) What the 3 wise men followed (4)
- 11) Where Jesus was born (6)
- 12) Gold, Frankincense and ----- (5)
- 13) Pulled at Christmas parties (8)
- 14) Mary's husband (6)

(Answers on page 11)

What's Cooking?

CHRISTMAS STARS

To make 20:

- 6 oz plain flour $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground ginger
2 oz margarine 2 oz brown sugar
2 tablespoons golden syrup

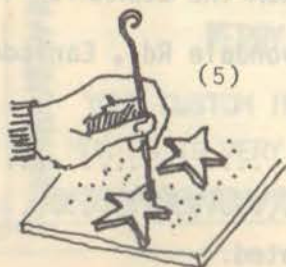
- (1) Sieve flour and ginger into bowl.
- (2) Melt margarine, sugar and syrup together in a pan over a low heat.
- (3) Pour into the bowl and mix with a wooden spoon then with your fingers.



- (4) Roll out thinly on floured surface and cut into star (or other special) shapes.



- (5) Lift the stars onto a greased tray and make a little hole in one corner with a skewer.
- (6) Bake for about 12 minutes in a moderate oven. Allow to cool.
- (7) Thread cotton through the hole and hang the stars on the Christmas tree.



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*There is an old man of Chapelfields,
Whose garden gives very high yields.
The way that he digs?
"No", he says, "It's my pigs
Which help my veg. grow in Chapelfields."*

Spot The Difference



There are 20 differences between these two pictures. Can you spot them?
(Answers on page 11)





Photo by Cyril Baker

Our regular photographer Les Hill, seen here with his wife Joan, has recently suffered a heart attack and although he is now out of hospital will have to take things very easy for some time. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Easy Cooking

PEANUT SQUARES

- 2 oz butter 1 oz sugar
3 oz peanut butter 6 oz biscuits
3 level tablespoons of syrup

- (1) Put biscuits in a plastic bag, seal opening and bash with a rolling pin to crush biscuits.
- (2) Melt butter, sugar and syrup together in pan over low heat.
- (3) Stir in peanut butter and biscuits.
- (4) Press into greased tin and allow to cool.

CHOC BITS

- 8 oz biscuits 2 oz butter
2 tablespoons golden syrup
2 tablespoons drinking chocolate
6 oz cooking chocolate

- (1) Put biscuits in a plastic bag, seal opening and bash with a rolling pin to crush biscuits.
- (2) Melt butter and syrup in pan together over low heat.
- (3) Stir in drinking chocolate and biscuits.
- (4) Press into greased tin.
- (5) When cool, melt cooking chocolate and pour on top. Allow this to cool before serving.



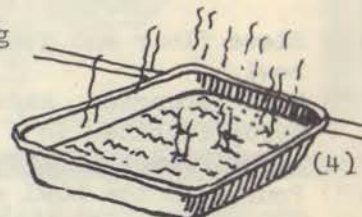
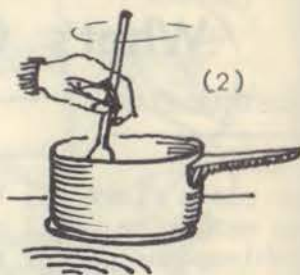
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In a hairdresser's having her curls done.
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Her hair had turned green!
That unfortunate lady from Earlsdon.

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Dear Echo

your letters page.

Old photo

The photograph in the current (November) issue of E.C.H.O., is obviously the railway bridge in Earlsdon Avenue.

The small building at the north end of the bridge was a high-class shoe maker and repairer's premises, who always used Dri-ped leather in his work. His name was Mr. Humphries.

A.E. Freeman,
92 Hartington Crescent,
Earlsdon.

Yes, the photograph was of Earlsdon Avenue, and it was taken around 1935.

We welcome your letters. Here is a chance to air your views on local matters. Please address your correspondence to:
ECHO Editorial Committee,
c/o Earlsdon Library,
Earlsdon Avenue North.

God Rest You Merry

A friend of mine said recently that he rather objected to groups of children who came round carol-singing from house to house and collecting for themselves. I disagreed with him. For one thing, this sort of wassailing has a long tradition behind it; and for another thing, I was a private enterprise carol-singer myself when a child. So I intend to be fairly benign towards any children who come singing at my door this Christmas provided that they observe a few simple rules.

Practise before you set out. Let every singer have a copy of the words. Sing one complete carol at each door. Do not giggle or whisper.



JOHN TAYLOR

WE WISH EVERYONE A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

YOUR CUSTOM IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

If you must knock on the door, do it when you¹⁹ have finished singing, not before you start. Do not sing "Good King Wenceslas". Work in groups of five or more. Above all, do not come before December 17th or, in my corner of Earlsdon at least, you will get a very sour welcome.

This business of timing should be taken to heart not just by sturdy beggars who sing from door to door but by choirmasters, the Salvation Army and anyone else in the carol industry. We don't want to hear you too early. Personally, I should like to hear less carol-singing before Christmas and more after. The ideal day for a service of lessons and carols (not that I like such things) is surely the Sunday after Christmas Day.

My objection to services of lessons and carols on the King's College, Cambridge, model is that they are too heavy. Carol-singing should be a way of spreading good news while having a good time (or having a good time while spreading good news). I have a vision of a neighbourly Earlsdon in which ten or a dozen people in each street go up and down late on Christmas Eve or early on Christmas Day greeting their friends and neighbours with "Silent Night" or "God rest you merry". It will never happen of course.

Having promised in my first paragraph to be fairly benign to any children who come singing at my door, I suppose I owe it to them to let them know where my door is. If they come to grid reference 321778, they will not be far wrong.

Bob Cratchit,
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E.C.H.O. Diary of Events

(The next issue will be out at the beginning of February 1980. Please send items for inclusion to Graham Partridge, c/o Earlsdon Library, by 21st January.)

December 8th	8.00 pm	Coventry Traditional Folk Club Club night - featuring Graham Bradshaw Malt Shovel Spon End
8th - 15th	7.30 pm	Criterion Theatre 'Old King Cole' by Ken Campbell - a zany knockabout comedy for children and adults Matinee performances 2.30 pm on 8th, 2.00 and 5.00 pm on 15th Adults 90p, children 60p, all performances Box Office tel: 75175
10th	8.00 pm	Theosophical Society 'The Message of the Mystic' - talk by Mr. E. Dadge 68 Earlsdon Avenue South Interested enquirers welcome
12th	2.00 pm	Young Wives Group Christmas Party Berkley Room, Methodist Church Hall
12th	8.00 pm	Community Association Steering Committee Meeting Social Services 'Warehouse', Kensington Road
12th		St. Mary Magdalen's Young Women's Guild and Clasp - organised carol singing
15th	8.00 pm	Coventry Traditional Folk Club Bobbie Eaglesham and Sam Bracken of Five Hand Reel As above
17th	8.00 pm	Monday Club Slides of the Holy Land and Christmas Readings followed by mince pies St. Barbara's Church Hall
18th	7.45 pm	Hearsall W.I. American Supper and Christmas Entertainment Common Room, St. Mary Magdalen's Church
19th	7.45 pm	St. Mary Magdalen's Beetle Drive Common Room
22nd	8.00 pm	Coventry Traditional Folk Club Christmas Party Night As above
29th	8.00 pm	Coventry Traditional Folk Club Singers night As above
30th	6.30 pm	St. Barbara's Church Carol Service, with refreshments afterwards
January 20th	6.30 pm	United Service at Hearsall Baptist Church
22nd - 23rd		Collection of good used clothes for Help The Aged at Earlsdon Methodist and St. Barbara's Church Halls
26th	2.30 pm	Guides' and Brownies' Rummage Sale St. Barbara's Church Hall
31st	7.30 pm	Earlsdon Flower Club Natural Sculpture - Mrs. L. Jowett St. Barbara's Church Hall

E.C.H.O.

E.C.H.O. goes into the New Year well-established and with a steady and healthy circulation. However, we would like more letters from you on any local matters you may wish to discuss. We also need more people to sell E.C.H.O. in their street particularly to ensure that elderly and housebound people get a copy.

We hope that you enjoy this bumper issue and will understand that we are unable to produce a January edition due to the seasonal holidays. The next issue will appear in early February so please let us have your news and views again during January.

We would like to thank all our advertisers, readers and sellers for your support during 1979 and hope we can count on this continuing during 1980. May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Ted Garbutt	Anne Ratcliffe
Barry Graham	Warren Redman
Ann Groves	Eileen Shepherd
Les Hill	Barry K. Smith
Julian Ingleby	Andy Sutton
Niall McChesney	Patricia Winder
Ian Minty	



Christmas Cheers! from some of the people involved in E.C.H.O. over the past year.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES:

FIND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE: 1. Magi 2. Presents 3. Christ 4. Rudolf 5. Ivy 6. Claus 7. Sheep 8. Robin 9. Crib 10. Star 11. Stable 12. Myrrh 13. Crackers 14. Joseph

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE: 1. Star on Christmas tree 2. Pattern on Cherry's dress through chair 3. Ball on Christmas tree 4. Dad's spectacle lens filled in 5. Brother's hat tassel 6. Centre lamp bulb 7. Edge of chair over Mum's shoulder 8. Left hand table leg 9. Bow on brother-in-law's parcel 10. Brother's drink 11. Bow on Mum's dress 12. Stripe on Cherry's hat 13. Sister's ear-ring 14. Stem on little sister's glass 15. Cherry's collar 16. Star on tree base 17. Missing balloon top right 18. Mum's left slipper strap 19. Dad's tie 20. Badge on little sister's hat

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD: Across: 1. The Far North 7. Lyric 8. Argon 9. Her 11. Ices 13. Claw 14. Patio 15. Grey 17. Topi 19. See 21. Fatal 22. Alibi 23. Brandenburg Down: 1. Telling A Fib 2. Eyrie 3. Arch 4. Near 5. Regal 6. Handwriting 10. Eat Me 12. Spy 13. Cot 16. Extra 18. On Ice 19. Sled 20. Earn

Welfare Column

This winter, many old people in this country will die from hypothermia - a gradual and fatal lowering of body temperature due to insufficient movement, clothing and heating and poor nutrition. The tragedy will be that for most of them it could have been avoided.

DO NOT LET IT HAPPEN HERE

As usual the best cure is prevention. If you are a pensioner it is important to keep warm both inside and out. Inside by eating hot food in smaller portions but more frequently. The high energy foods are best like eggs, milk puddings, cheese and soups. Look after your outer self by keeping your sitting room and bedroom warm and by wearing several layers of wool clothing. Even a bobble hat in bed can help. If heating bills are a problem contact your local social services department (address below) who maybe able to advise you on help that is available.

Neighbours, friends and families have an extremely important role. First in any winter and particularly one like last year, many elderly people, who are not already housebound become confined to their homes and a friendly visit not only brightens an otherwise boring day but also means help can be offered if it is needed. Many people find the first approach embarrassing and are worried that they will be accused of interfering but please do not let this stop you - you maybe pleasantly suprised and if the response is a refusal nothing has been lost. Make yourself known, they may not need help now but the time may come.

Another way local people can help is to keep an eye open, for the old lady or gentleman who has a daily routine such as walking down to the shops, opening curtains, taking the milk at certain times etc. When the routine is broken, knock on their door. Okay - they maybe away with friends or relatives but they may not. If you get no reply have a word with the neighbours and those living opposite and if you are still concerned please contact the social services office (address below) or the local Police.

It is a very sad commentary on our society that people who were once seen as the centre of the family are now often left alone. Earlsdon, Hearsall & Chapelfields can pride themselves on their local communities but to help the elderly in distress means that everyone of us must be alert to the dangers and offer help when it is needed. Have a Happy Christmas.

Social Workers and Home Helps are based at The Social Services Office at 50/52 Albany Road. Telephone number 72281

12 ***** Seasonal Pub and Club Guide

Pub opening times

City Arms, Earlsdon Street.

Christmas Eve : 6-10.30pm. (Restaurant 11.30pm)
 Christmas Day : 11-1pm. 7-10.30pm.
 (Restaurant CLOSED at night)
 Boxing Day : 10.30-3pm. 6-10.30pm.
 (Restaurant 6-11.30pm.)
 New Year's Eve: 6-10.3 pm. (Restaurant 11.30pm.)

Royal Oak, Earlsdon Street.

Christmas Eve : 7 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : CLOSED
 Boxing Day : 12 - 2pm. 7 - 10.30pm.
 New Year's Eve : 7 - 11.30pm.
 New Year's Day : CLOSED

Earlsdon Cottage, Warwick Street.

Christmas Eve : 7-11.30pm. (Jazz in rear room)
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. 8.30-10.30pm(Free
 'n' Easy, rear room)
 Boxing Day : 12 - 2.30pm. (Jazz, rear room)
 CLOSED BOXING NIGHT
 New Year's Eve: 7 - 12.15 am.(Jazz, rear room)

The Albany, Albany Road.

Christmas Eve : 6 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. CLOSED AT NIGHT
 Boxing Day : 12 - 2pm. 7 - 11.30pm
 New Year's Eve: 6 - 12.15am.

Port O'Call, Earlsdon Avenue North.

Christmas Eve : 6 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. CLOSED AT NIGHT
 Boxing Day : 11 - 3pm. 6 - 11.30pm.
 New Year's Eve : 6 - 11.30pm.
 New Year's Day : Disco in lounge, 8-10.30pm.
 Admission free.

Ken and Teresa McKay

Wish all their customers at the

Coombe Abbey Inn

a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Coombe Abbey Inn, Craven Street.

Christmas Eve : 6 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. 7 - 10.30pm.
 Boxing Day : 10 - 2.30pm. 6 - 11.30pm.
 New Year's Eve: 6 - 12.15am.

Hearsall Inn, Craven Street.

Christmas Eve: 7 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day: 11 - 1pm. 8 - 10pm.
 Boxing Day : 12 - 2.30pm. 7 - 11.30pm.
 New Year's Eve: 7 - 12.15am.

Nursery Tavern, Lord Street.

Christmas Eve : 7 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. CLOSED AT NIGHT
 Boxing Day : 10 - 2.30pm. 7 - 11.30pm.
 New Year's Eve: 7 - 12.15am.



Craven Arms, Craven Street.

Christmas Eve : 6.30 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. CLOSED AT NIGHT
 Boxing Day : 11 - 2.30pm. 6.30-11.30pm.
 New Year's Eve: 6.30 - 12.15am.

Broomfield Tavern, Broomfield Place.

Christmas Eve : 6-11pm.
 Christmas Day : 11-1pm. CLOSED AT NIGHT
 Boxing Day : 11-2.30pm. 6-11pm.
 New Year's Eve: 6-11.45pm.

Chestnut Tree, Craven Street.

Christmas Eve : 6.30 - 11.30pm.
 Christmas Day : 11 - 1pm. CLOSED AT NIGHT
 Boxing Day : 11 - 2.30pm. 6.30-11.30pm.
 New Year's Eve: 6.30 - 12.15am.

*Ann & Geoff wish a
 Merry Christmas*

To all customers at the CHESTNUT TREE

Club events *****

Albany Social Club

Fri 14 Childrens Christmas Party
 Tue 18 Senior Citizens Dinner with cabaret
 Mon 24 Free and Easy, with guest Jack
 Williams (drums & xylophone)
 Tue 25 Dance with Wrangler
 Wed 26 Concert with Ray Raymonde (Comedian)
 Alan Taylor (Guitar & vocals)
 Mon 31 Dance with Ace of Hearts and Pipe
 Major, Jim Tudhope

Spencer Social Club

Mon 24 Dance with Ace of Hearts
 Wed 26 Dance with Amber Sin
 Mon 31 Dance with Rockowitz

Four Masters Club

Sat 15 Childrens Party
 Date unknown Old Folks Party

Craven Street Club

Refused to give information

